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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: TSPA, JA

SUBJECT: NASA RELATIONS WITH JSS

REF: TOKYO 4980

1. JSS HAS SUGGESTED CANCELLING APRIL 18 PLANNING MEETING UNTIL MR. ROWE OF NASA CAN ATTEND. SAMUEL ISHIKAWA, REPRESENTING JSS IN U.S., EXPRESSED REGRET TO NASA THAT MR. ROWE UNABLE TO ATTEND MEETING AND OFFERED TO RESCHEDULE MEETING AT DATE ACCEPTABLE TO MR. ROWE. JSS OBVIOUSLY REGARDS NASA PARTICIPATION AS ESSENTIAL AND WILL NOT BE EASILY PUT OFF. NASA IS TEMPORIZING WITH JSS UNTIL WE CAN GIVE FIRM GUIDANCE.

2. TWO ALTERNATIVES ARE APPARENT: FIRST, NASA COULD SIMPLY INFORM JSS THAT IT IS NOT WILLING TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS JSS PROJECT; SECOND, NASA COULD INFORM JSS THAT JUSTIN BLOOM OR OTHER APPROPRIATE EMBOFF WILL ATTEND MEETING AND WILL REPRESENT NASA'S INTEREST. THE FIRST ALTERNATIVE, WHILE PERHAPS MORE STRAIGHTFORWARD, MAY BE UNNECESSARILY CONFIDENTIAL

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ABRASIVE AND MAY PLACE NASA IN AWKWARD POSITION IF IT LATER WISHES TO PARTICIPATE IN AN EXHIBITION, WITH OR WITHOUT JSS BACKING, THAT APPEARS REPUTABLE IN THE OVERALL. SECOND ALTERNATIVE APPEARS PREFERABLE IF YOU JUDGE THAT PRESENCE OF EMBOFF AT MEETING WILL NOT SERVE TO UNDULY LEGITIMATE JSS SPONSORSHIP OF EXHIBITION.

3. DEPT REGARDS EMBASSY ATTEMPT TO FIND A MORE ACCEPTABLE SPONSOR AS BEST GENERAL APPROACH AND FEELS THAT DECISION ON JSS MEETING SHOULD BE MADE WITH THIS IN MIND. WHAT-EVER ACTIONS HELP CULTIVATE REPUTABLE SPONSORS ARE PREFERABLE. PLEASE INFORM AS TO HOW YOU WISH TO DEAL WITH JSS MEETING.

4. NASA WOULD CLEARLY PREFER TO WORK WITH NASDA AND REQUESTS INFO IF NASDA ROLE IN EXHIBITION DEVELOPS.  
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